GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4540
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STRIKE OF LAWYERS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lawyers of the several courts had gone on strike recently to protest against "service tax" imposed by the Government in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government/Bar Council of India in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. M. VEERAPPA MOILY)

(a) to (c) The Bar Council of India (BCI), statutory body created under the Advocates Act, 1961 has informed that they have received representations from some of the associations viz. Central Bar Association, Azamgarh, Meerut Bar Association, Meerut and District Bar Association, Mirzapur intending to condemn the decision on the proposed Service Tax Bill. However, they do not have any information as to whether the said associations actually had gone on strike on the dates as stated by them. The lawyers without going through the contents of the bill intent to go on strike were deprecated by the Chairman on his telephonic talk to the Secretary /Chairman of the Bar Associations. The BCI has a meeting with the Hon'ble Law Minister on this subject on 29-7.2009 and they are in agreement with the provisions of the Bill as it stands and therefore no resolution was taken by them to go on strike. The BCI have also issued circular to all the States Bar Councils to forbid the associations under them not to resort to strike in any form on this issue.